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SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK'S DE BORCHGRAVE CIA AGENT-DENIAL OF

1. NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE ARRIVED BEIRUT THIS NOON. TELEPHONED FROM AIRPORT EXPRESSING CONCERN RE DAILY STAR AND OTHER BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS QUOTING PALESTINAIN NEWS AGENCY(WAFA) WHICH THURSDAY CHARGED THAT DE BORCHGRAVE HAD "CLOSE LINKS" WITH CIA.

2. WAFA'S INTEREST OBIOUSLY BASED ON PRO-IRAQI "BEIRUT" YESTERDAY CARRYING RECENT NEWSWEEKS ARTICLE BY DE BORCHGRAVE ON PALESTINAIN RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND JORDAN IN THE POST SYRIAN-JORDANIAN SUMMIT CLIMATE. ACCORDING TO THE STAR, WAFA STATES DE BORCHGRAVE IS "KNOWN FOR HIS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CIA, WHICH HAS EMPLOYED HIM ON MORE THAN ONE MISSION IN MORE THAN ONE PART OF THE WORLD INCLUDING HIS ROLE EXPOSED AT RABAT SUMMIT. DE BORCHGRAVE WAS ATTACHED TO THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION IN THE SEVENTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN RABAT AS A MEMBER OF THE JORDANIAN INFORMATION TEAM".

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3. DE BORCHGRAVE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT FOREGOINH WILL

RESULT IN HIS BEING PNG'D MANY ARAB COUNTRIES,
AND WILL REDUCE HIS ABILITY CONTACT LOCAL LEADERS.
HE THEREFORE STRONGLY REQUESTS DEPT OR WHITE HOUSE
ISSUE DENIAL THAT HE HAS EVER BEEN EMPLOYED BY
OR WORKED FOR CIA. I WOULD HOPE DEPT CAN MEET
DE BORCHGRAVE'S REQUEST.
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